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Lantos Renews Involvement in Local Family's Immigration Case

San Mateo, CA – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-California) continues to be concerned for the welfare of Alfredo and Maria Plascencia, who again face removal after repeated appeals of the federal government's denial of their claim to asylum in this country. As Lantos wrote to immigration authorities in November 2002, the Plascencias "would suffer economically and emotionally if either parent was deported."

Out of humanitarian concern, Lantos plans once more to ask immigration authorities at the highest levels to defer action in the Plascencias' case, so that the entire family can remain together. Lantos said, "I will do everything in my power to ensure that all the members of this young and hard-working family are not separated from one another."

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